

I am an Amateur Radio Operator, Amateur Extra Class, and have been licensed since 1962. The United States continues to be the most progressive country in the world with regard to amateur radio, and understanding the value the Service can bring to this nation in times of emergency or crisis. Although the majority of our time is spent as hobbyists, in those situations where emergencies do arise, effective communication is a must. The current amateur allocations on the HF frequencies between 7.0MHz and 29.7MHz generally provide sufficient selection of frequencies such that the operating frequency can be changed to accommodate seasonal changes, time changes, atmospheric changes, and the variations caused by the sun spot cycle. However, the gap between the 80m Band and the 40m band is the largest gap, in terms of percentage, in the 80m to 10m allocation. There are often times when the "skip" is too long for the 40m band, and too short without a large antenna for the 80m band. I have listened to the proposed new frequencies at 5.25 and find that frequency range has a significantly reduced level of static. I completely endorse the Commission's plan to add an amateur allocation at this point in the spectrum.

I also endorse the allocation at 135.7KHz.